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SUBJ: BRZEZINSKI SCHEDULE -- ONCE MORE A CHANGE

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1. THE IN-FIGHTING WITHIN THE ROKG HAS RESULTED IN YET ANOTHER
CHANGE TO THE SCHEDULE FOR MAY 25. SCHEDULE WILL NOW BE AS
FOLLOWS:

1020 -- CALL ON PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER IN PRIME
MINISTER'S OFFICE (FOREIGN MINISTER MAY NOT ATTEND). DR
BRZEZINSKI, AMBASSADOR SNEIDER, POLCOUNS CLARK (NOTETAKER).

1100 -- CALL ON PRESIDENT PARK. PARTICIPANTS HAVE NOW BEEN
CHANGED AGAIN AND WILL BE DR BRZEZINSKI, AMBASSADOR
SNEIDER, MR HOLBROOKE, MR GLEYSTEN, AND MR ARMACOST.
PARTICIPANTS ON KOREAN SIDE, IN ADDITION TO
PRESIDENT PARK, WILL BE THE FOREIGN MINISTER,
BLUE HOUSE SECRETARY GENERAL KIM CHUNG-YUM,
BLUE HOUSE NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR SUH
JYONG-CHUL, BLUE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
ADVISOR KIM KYUNG-WON, AND BLUE HOUSE SENIOR
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PROTOCOL ADVISOR CHOI KWANG-SOO.

1200 -- (MAY START AS LATE AS 1230) LUNCH WITH
PRESIDENT PARK. IN ADDITION TO THOSE PRESENT
AT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT, FROM THE US SIDE
GENERAL VESSEY, MR ABRAMOWITZ, AND MR
HUNTINGTON WILL JOIN. FROM THE KOREAN SIDE

THE PRIME MINISTER, THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, AND SENIOR BLUE HOUSE ADVISOR FOR DIPLOMATIC AFFAIRS KIM DONG-JO WILL JOIN.

1400 -- DEPARTURE FROM KIMPO.

2. BOTH BLUE HOUSE SENIOR OFFICIALS AND MOFA SENIOR OFFICIALS HAVE CALLED TO EXPRESS THEIR APOLOGY AND EMBARRASSMENT OVER THE LAST-MINUTE CHANGES IN SCHEDULE. BOTH ARE LAYING THE BLAME AT THE DOOR OF THE PRIME MINISTER WHO ALL AGREE HAS NEEDLESSLY CONFUSED ARRANGEMENTS. CLEARLY FOREIGN MINISTER AND PRIME MINISTER ARE NOT NOW ON THE BEST OF TERMS AND AS A RESULT FOREIGN MINISTER MAY DECIDE TO ABSENT HIMSELF FROM THE JOINT CALL ON THE MORNING OF MAY 25, PREFERRING TO MEET DR BRZEZINSKI WITH THE PRESIDENT AT THE BLUE HOUSE.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER STILL PLANS MEET BRZEZINSKI PARTY ON ARRIVAL AT KIMPO. THERE WILL BE RED CARPET TREATMENT AND POSSIBLE DOUBLE LINE OF HONOR GUARDS ON ARRIVAL. IN ADDITION, BLUE HOUSE ADVISOR KIM KYONG-WON AND MOFA'S PAK SANG-YONG WILL BE AT AIRPORT.

4. COMMENT: SCHEDULE AS NOW PRESENTED BY BLUE HOUSE OFFERS BETTER CHANCE FOR DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT IN CONFIDENTIAL

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SMALLER MEETING PLUS POSSIBILITY OF PRIVATE TALKS DURING BREAK BETWEEN MEETING AND LUNCH. ALL TOLD, DR BRZEZINSKI WILL HAVE TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS WITH THE PRESIDENT WHICH SHOULD SUFFICE TO COVER ISSUES BOTH WE AND THE ROK WISH TO RAISE.
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